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TAGS: CCD PARM UNEP

SUBJECT: CCD-REQUEST TO HAVE UNEP PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL
MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION

1. SWEDISH CCD REP THORSON HAS WRITTEN FROM STOCKHOLM
ASKING US AND SOVIET CO-CHAIRMEN TO ARRANGE FOR A REPRE-
SENTATIVE OF THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE
IN EXPERTS MEETING ON ENMOD SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF
AUGUST 4.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, SWEDISH DEPREP EXPLAINED
THAT REQUEST TO CO-CHAIRMEN WAS INTENDED TO DETERMINE
THEIR REACTION BEFORING RAISING ISSUE FORMALLY AT CCD.
HAMILTON RECOGNIZED THAT DECISION TO INCLUDE UNEP REP
WOULD REQUIRE CCD CONSENSUS. HE ALSO SAID HE UNDER-
STOOD THAT ADMITTANCE OF UNEP REP SHOULD NOT BE
ALLOWED TO IMPAIR PRIVATE AND OFF-THE-RECORD CHARACTER

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OF INFORMAL CCD MEETING, AND THAT DECISION TO ADMIT

UNEP REP SHOULD BE WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING.

3. SOVIET DEP REP NAZARKIN TOLD US (GIVAN) HIS DEL
WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM SWedes ON PROCEDURAL
ISSUES BEFORE DECIDING SOVIET POSITION. HE THOUGHT
IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR UNEP TO REQUEST ADMITTANCE
RATHER THAN HAVE CCD ISSUE INVITATION AT REQUEST OF
SWEDISH DEL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REFUSAL OF SWEDISH
REQUEST COULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR CC WORK
ON ENMOD.

4. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT VARIOUS PROCEDURAL ISSUES
COULD BE WORKED OUT, INCLUDING QUESTION OF FORMAL
REQUEST BY UNEP AND UNDERSTANDING THAT MEETING REMAINS
OFF-RECORD. WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO COOPERATE WITH
SWedes IF SOVIETS AGREE. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
ASAP WHETHER DEPT. APPROVES ADMITTANCE OF UNEP TO
INFORMAL ENMOD MEETING ON THESE TERMS, ASSUMING UNEP
CONFIRMS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION. END COMMENT. DALE
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